



Why Doesn't God Redeem Us Again? Living With and Without Exodus

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1. יהושע ד:כג

אֲשֶׁר-הוֹבִישׁ יְקֹנֶק אֱלֹקֵיכֶם אֶת-מֵי הַיַּרְדֵּן מִפְּנֵיכֶם עַד-עֲבָרְכֶם כַּאֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה יְקֹנֶק אֱלֹקֵיכֶם לַיַּם-סוּף
אֲשֶׁר-הוֹבִישׁ מִפְּנֵינוּ עַד-עֲבָרְנוּ:

1. Joshua 4:23

For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you crossed, just as the LORD your God did to the Sea of Reeds, which He dried up before us until we crossed.

2. ישעיהו יא:יא-טז

(יא) וְהָיָה | בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא יוֹסִיף אֶת-דְּגֵי | שְׁנֵי יַדָּיו לְקַנּוֹת אֶת-שָׂאֵר עַמּוֹ אֲשֶׁר יִשְׂאָר מֵאֲשׁוּר וּמִמִּצְרַיִם וּמִפְתָּרוֹס
וּמִכּוּשׁ וּמִעֵילָם וּמִשֹּׁנְעַר וּמִמְחֻמַּת וּמֵאֵי הַיָּם: (יב) וְנָשָׂא נֶסֶל גְּלוּיָם וְאָסַף נְדָחֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וּנְפֻצוֹת יְהוּדָה יִקְבֹּץ
מֵאֲרָבֶע כְּנָפוֹת הָאָרֶץ: (יג) וְסָרָה קִנְיַת אֶפְרַיִם וְצַרְרֵי יְהוּדָה יִכְרְתוּ אֶפְרַיִם לֹא-יִקְנָא אֶת-יְהוּדָה וְיְהוּדָה
לֹא-יִצַר אֶת-אֶפְרַיִם: (יד) וְעָפוּ בְּכִתְף פְּלִשְׁתִּים וְיָמָה יִחַדּוּ יִבְזוּ אֶת-בְּנֵי-קָדֶם אֲדוֹם וּמוֹאֵב מִשְׁלוֹחַ יָדָם וּבְנֵי
עַמּוֹן מִשְׁמַעְתָּם: (טו) וְהִחְרִים יְקֹנֶק אֶת לְשׁוֹן יַם-מִצְרַיִם וְהִגִּיף יָדוֹ עַל-הַנְּהַר בְּעֵינֵי רוּחוֹ וְהִפְהִי לְשַׁבְעָה
נְחָלִים וְהִדְרִיר בְּנַעֲלִים: (טז) וְהִיִּתָּה מִסְלָה לְשָׂאֵר עַמּוֹ אֲשֶׁר יִשְׂאָר מֵאֲשׁוּר כַּאֲשֶׁר הִיִּתָּה לְיִשְׂרָאֵל בַּיּוֹם
עַלְתוֹ מֵאֲרָץ מִצְרַיִם:

2. Isaiah 11:11-16

(11) In that day, my Lord will apply His hand again to redeeming the other part of His people from Assyria—as also from Egypt, Pathros, Nubia, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and the coastlands.

(12) He will hold up a signal to the nations and assemble the banished of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. (13) Then Ephraim's envy shall cease and Judah's harassment shall end; Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not

harass Ephraim. (14) They shall pounce on the back of Philistia to the west, and together plunder the peoples of the east; Edom and Moab shall be subject to them and the children of Ammon shall obey them. (15) The LORD will dry up the tongue of the Egyptian sea.—He will raise His hand over the Euphrates with the might of His wind and break it into seven wadis, so that it can be trodden dry-shod. (16) Thus there shall be a highway for the other part of His people out of Assyria, such as there was for Israel when it left the land of Egypt.

3. ישעיהו נביב

כִּי לֹא בַחֲפִזוֹן תֵּצְאוּ וּבַמְנוּסָה לֹא תִלְכוּן כִּי־הִלָּה לְפָנֵיכֶם יִקְוֶה וּמֵאִסְפֹּכֶם אֶלְקֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: {ס}

3. Isaiah 52:12

For you will not depart in haste, Nor will you leave in flight; For the LORD is marching before you, The God of Israel is your rear guard.

תהלים קיד 4. Psalm 114 (New JPS 1985)

- (א) בַּצֵּאת יִשְׂרָאֵל מִמִּצְרַיִם בַּיַּת יַעֲקֹב מֵעַם לֵעָד: (1) When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- (ב) הַיְתֵה יְהוָה לְקִדְשׁוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל מִמְשֻׁלוֹתָיו: (2) Judah became His holy one, Israel, His dominion.
- (ג) הַיָּם רָאָה וַיִּגָּס וַיִּרְדּוּן יָסֹב לְאַחֹר: (3) The sea saw them and fled, Jordan ran backward,
- (ד) הַהָרִים רָקְדוּ כְּאֵילִים גְּבֻעוֹת כַּבְּנֵי־צֹאן: (4) mountains skipped like rams, hills like sheep.
- (ה) מַה־לָּךְ הַיָּם כִּי תָנוּס הַיַּרְדֵּן תִּסָּב לְאַחֹר: (5) What alarmed you, O sea, that you fled, Jordan, that you ran backward,
- (ו) הַהָרִים תִּרְקְדוּ כְּאֵילִים גְּבֻעוֹת כַּבְּנֵי־צֹאן: (6) mountains, that you skipped like rams, hills, like sheep?
- (ז) מִלִּפְנֵי אָדוֹן חוּלֵי אֶרֶץ מִלִּפְנֵי אֱלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב: (7) Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- (ח) הַהֶפְכִי הַצּוּר אֶגְמוֹת־מַיִם חֲלִמֵי־שֵׁי לְמַעַיְנוֹת־מַיִם: (8) who turned the rock into a pool of water, the flinty rock into a fountain.

4. Psalm 114 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

- (1) When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
- (2) Judah became God’s sanctuary, Israel his dominion.
- (3) The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.
- (4) The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.



- (5) Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?
 (6) O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?
 (7) Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,
 (8) who turns the rock into a pool of water the flint into a spring of water.

5. שמות טו:ב"א, ו, יב, ב'
 (ב) עָזִי וְזַמְרַת יְהוָה וְיִהְיֶה לִי לִישׁוּעָה...

- (ו) יְמִינֶךָ יְקוּקֵךְ נֹאדְרֵי בְכֶם יְמִינֶךָ יְקוּקֵךְ תִּרְעַץ אוֹיְבֵי:
 (יב) נְטִיתֶךָ יְמִינֶךָ תִּבְלַעְמוּ אֶרֶץ:
 (ב) ...זֶה אֱלֹהֵי וְאַנְהוּ אֱלֹקֵי אָבִי וְאַרְמְמָנָהוּ:

5. תהלים קיח:יד-טז, כח
 (יד) עָזִי וְזַמְרַת יְהוָה וְיִהְיֶה לִי לִישׁוּעָה:

- (טו) קוֹל רִנָּה וִישׁוּעָה בְּאֹהֲלֵי צְדִיקִים יְמִין יְקוּקֵךְ
 עֲשֵׂה חַיִּל:
 (טז) יְמִין יְהוָה רֹמְמָה יְמִין יְקוּקֵךְ עֲשֵׂה חַיִּל:
 (כח) אֱלֹהֵי אֲתָה וְאוֹדְךָ אֱלֹקֵי אֲרוֹמְמָךְ:

5. Exodus 15:2a, 6, 12, 2b

- (2) The LORD is my strength and might; He is become my deliverance...
 (6) Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the foe!
 (12) You put out Your right hand, the earth swallowed them.
 (2) ...This is my God and I will enshrine Him; The God of my father, and I will exalt Him.

5. Psalm 118:14-16, 28

- (14) The LORD is my strength and might; He has become my deliverance.
 (15) The tents of the victorious resound with joyous shouts of deliverance, "The right hand of the LORD is triumphant!"
 (16) The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD is triumphant!"
 (28) You are my God and I will praise You; You are my God and I will extol You.

6. Psalm 118:25 תהלים קיח:כה
 אֲנָא יְקוּקֵךְ הוֹשִׁיעָה נָא אֲנָא יְקוּקֵךְ
 הַצְלִיחָה נָא: O LORD, deliver us! O LORD, let us prosper!

7. Psalm 44 תהלים מד
 (א) לַמְנַצֵּחַ לְבִנְיָ-קֹרַח מִשְׁקִיל: (1) For the leader. Of the Korahites. A *maskil*.



- (ב) אֱלֹקִים | בְּאָזְנֵינוּ שָׁמְעוּ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ
סִפְרוּ-לָנוּ פֶּעַל פְּעַלְתָּ בְיַמֵּיהֶם בְּיָמֵי
קָדָם:
- (ג) אַתָּה | יָדְךָ גִּזְּמָה הַרְשַׁתָּ וַתִּטְעֵם
תָּרַע לְאֲמִים וַתִּשְׁלַחם:
- (ד) כִּי לֹא בַחֲרֹבָם יָרְשׁוּ אֶרֶץ וְזָרוּעֵם
לֹא-הוֹשִׁיעָה לָמוּ כִי-יַמִּינְךָ וְזָרוּעְךָ
וְאֹר פָּנֶיךָ כִּי רָצִיתָם:
- (ה) אַתָּה-הוּא מַלְכִי אֱלֹקִים צִוֵּה
יְשׁוּעוֹת יַעֲקֹב:
- (ו) בְּךָ צָרִינוּ נִגְנַח בְּשִׁמְךָ נִבּוֹס קַמִּינוּ:
(ז) כִּי לֹא בְקִשְׁתִּי אֶבְטַח וְחַרְבִּי לֹא
תוֹשִׁיעֵנִי:
- (ח) כִּי הוֹשַׁעְתָּנוּ מִצָּרֵינוּ וּמִשְׁנֹאֵינוּ
הִבִּישׁוּתָּ:
- (ט) בְּאֱלֹהִים הִלְלָנוּ כָּל-הַיּוֹם וְשִׁמְךָ |
לְעוֹלָם נִזְדָּה סֵלָה:
- (י) אַף-זָנַחְתָּ וַתִּכְלִימֵנוּ וְלֹא-תֵצֵא
בְּצַבָּאוֹתֵינוּ:
- (יא) תִּשְׁיַבְנוּ אַחֲרֵינוּ מִנִּי-צָר וּמִשְׁנֹאֵינוּ
שָׁסוּ לָמוּ:
- (יב) תִּתְּנֵנוּ כְּצֹאן מֵאֲכָל זֶבְעִים
זָרִיתָנוּ:
- (יג) תִּמְכַּר-עַמְּךָ בְּלֹא-הוֹן וְלֹא-רַבִּית
בְּמַחֲרֵיהֶם:
- (יד) תִּשְׁיַמְנוּ חֲרָפָה לְשַׁכְנֵינוּ לְעַג
אֶלְקִלִּים לְסַבִּיבוֹתֵינוּ:
- (טו) תִּשְׁיַמְנוּ מִשָּׁל בְּגוֹיִם מְנוּד־רֹאשׁ
בְּלִאֲמִים:
- (טז) כָּל-הַיּוֹם כָּל־מַתִּי נִגְדִי וּבִשְׁת פָּנֵי
כִּסְתָּנִי:
- (יז) מִקוֹל מְחַרְרֵי וּמְגַדְּרֵי מִפְּנֵי אוֹיֵב
וּמִתְנַקֵּם:
- (יח) כָּל-זֹאת בָּאתָ בָּאֲתָנוּ וְלֹא שָׁכַחְנוּךָ
וְלֹא-שָׁקַרְנוּ בְּבְרִיתְךָ:
- (יט) לֹא-נִסְּוּ אֶחָד לִבֵּנוּ וַתֵּט אֲשַׁרְינוּ
מִנִּי אֶרְחֹךָ:
- (2) We have heard, O God, our fathers have told us the
deeds You performed in their time, in days of old.
- (3) With Your hand You planted them, displacing
nations; You brought misfortune on peoples, and drove
them out.
- (4) It was not by their sword that they took the land,
their arm did not give them victory, but Your right hand,
Your arm, and Your goodwill, for You favored them.
- (5) You are my king, O God; decree victories for Jacob!
- (6) Through You we gore our foes; by Your name we
trample our adversaries;
- (7) I do not trust in my bow; it is not my sword that gives
me victory;
- (8) You give us victory over our foes; You thwart those
who hate us.
- (9) In God we glory at all times, and praise Your name
unceasingly. *Selah.*
- (10) Yet You have rejected and disgraced us; You do not
go with our armies.
- (11) You make us retreat before our foe; our enemies
plunder us at will.
- (12) You let them devour us like sheep; You disperse us
among the nations.
- (13) You sell Your people for no fortune, You set no high
price on them.
- (14) You make us the butt of our neighbors, the scorn
and derision of those around us.
- (15) You make us a byword among the nations, a
laughingstock among the peoples.
- (16) I am always aware of my disgrace; I am wholly
covered with shame
- (17) at the sound of taunting revilers, in the presence of
the vengeful foe.
- (18) All this has come upon us, yet we have not forgotten
You, or been false to Your covenant.
- (19) Our hearts have not gone astray, nor have our feet
swerved from Your path,



- (כ) כִּי דָכִיתָנוּ בַּמְקוֹם תַּנְיִים וַתִּכַּס עֲלֵינוּ בְּצִלְמוֹת: (20) though You cast us, crushed, to where the sea monster is, and covered us over with deepest darkness.
- (כא) אִם-שָׁכַחְנוּ שֵׁם אֱלֹהֵינוּ וַנְפָרֵשׁ כַּפֵּינוּ לְאֵל זָר: (21) If we forgot the name of our God and spread forth our hands to a foreign god,
- (כב) הֲלֹא אֱלֹקִים יִחְקֶר-זָאת כִּי-הוּא יֵדַע תַּעֲלָמוֹת לֵב: (22) God would surely search it out, for He knows the secrets of the heart.
- (כג) כִּי-עֲלֶיךָ הִרְגָנוּ כָּל-הַיּוֹם נֶחֱשָׁבְנוּ כְּצֹאן טֹבָחָה: (23) It is for Your sake that we are slain all day long, that we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.
- (כד) עוֹרָה | לָמָּה תִישָׁן | א-דְגֵי הַקִּיפָה אֶל-תִּזְנַח לְנֶצַח: (24) Rouse Yourself; why do You sleep, O Lord? Awaken, do not reject us forever!
- (כה) לָמָּה-פָּנִיךָ תַסְתִּיר תִשְׁכַּח עֵינֵינוּ וְלִחְצֵנוּ: (25) Why do You hide Your face, ignoring our affliction and distress?
- (כו) כִּי שָׁחָה לְעַפְרָה נַפְשֵׁנוּ דָבָקָה לְאָרֶץ בְּטַנְנוּ: (26) We lie prostrate in the dust; our body clings to the ground.
- (כז) קוּמָה עֲזַרְתָּה לָנוּ וּפְדֵנוּ לְמַעַן חֶסֶדְךָ: {פ} (27) Arise and help us, redeem us, as befits Your faithfulness.

תהלים כב:א-ב 8. Psalm 22:1-2

- (א) לְמַנְצֵחַ עַל-אֵילַת הַשָּׁחַר מִזְמוֹר לְדָוִד: (1) For the leader; on *ayyeleth ha-shahar*. A psalm of David.
- (ב) א-לֵי א-לֵי לָמָּה עֲזַבְתָּנִי רְחוֹק מִיִּשׁוּעָתִי דַבְרֵי שִׁאֲגָתִי: (2) My God, my God, why have You abandoned me; why so far from delivering me and from my anguished roaring?

9. מדרש תהלים מזמור כב

א-לי א-לי למה עזבתני. א-לי בים א-לי בסיני למה עזבתני. למה נשתנה עלי סידורו של עולם וסידורן של אמהות. מה שרה אמנו על ידי שנשבית לילה אחת לקה הוא וכל ביתו שנאמר (בראשית יב יז) וינגע ה' את פרעה נגעים גדולים ואת ביתו. אמרה אסתר ואני נתונה בחיקו של אותו רשע כל השנים הללו למה אין אתה עושה לי נסים.

9. Midrash Tehillim 22

“My God’-- You were at the Sea of Reeds; ‘My God’-- You were at Sinai. ‘Why have You abandoned me?’ Why should the order of things, even the story of the Matriarchs, turn out differently for me? Our mother Sarah was taken for only a single night unto Pharaoh, and he and all the people of his house were smitten with great plagues, as it is said, ‘But the Lord afflicted Pharaoh and his household with mighty plagues [on account of Sarai, the wife of



Abram]’ (Gen. 12:17). But I, who have been forced all these years to endure the embrace of such a wicked person– for me, You work no miracles.”

תהלים כב:כב 10. Psalm 22:22

הוֹשִׁיעֵנִי מִפִּי אַרְיֵה וּמִקַּרְנֵי רִמִּים
עֲנִיתָנִי: Deliver me from a lion’s mouth, from the horns of wild
oxen– You have rescued me!

תהלים עז 11. Psalm 77

- (א) לַמְנַצֵּחַ עַל־[יְדוּתוֹן] (יְדִיתוֹן) לְאַסָּף
מִזְמוֹר: (1) For the leader; on Jeduthun. Of Asaph. A psalm.
- (ב) קוֹלִי אֶל־אֱלֹקִים וְאַצְעֶקָה קוֹלִי
אֶל־אֱלֹקִים וְהֶאֱזִין אֵלַי: (2) I cry aloud to God; I cry to God that He may give ear
to me.
- (ג) בְּיָוֶם צָרָתִי אֲדַגֵּן וְדָרְשֵׁתִי יָדַי לַלַּיְלָה
נִגְרָה וְלֹא תִפּוֹג מֵאֲנָה הַנְּחָם נַפְשִׁי:
נִגְרָה וְלֹא תִפּוֹג מֵאֲנָה הַנְּחָם נַפְשִׁי: (3) In my time of distress I turn to the Lord, with my
hand [uplifted]; [my eyes] flow all night without respite;
I will not be comforted.
- (ד) אֲזַכֵּרָה אֱלֹקִים וְאֶהְמֶיָה אֲשִׁיחָה וּ
וְתִתְעַטֵּף רוּחִי סָלָה: (4) I call God to mind, I moan, I complain, my spirit fails.
Selah.
- (ה) אַחֲזַתְתָּ שְׂמֵרוֹת עֵינַי נִפְעַמְתִּי וְלֹא
אֲדַבֵּר: (5) You have held my eyelids open; I am overwrought, I
cannot speak.
- (ו) חֲשַׁבְתִּי יָמִים מִקֶּדֶם שָׁנוֹת עוֹלָמִים:
(ז) אֲזַכֵּרָה נִגִּינֹתַי בַּלַּיְלָה עִם־לִבִּי
אֲשִׁיחָה וַיִּחְפֹּשׂ רוּחִי: (6) My thoughts turn to days of old, to years long past.
(7) I recall at night their jibes at me; I commune with
myself; my spirit inquires,
- (ח) הֲלִעוֹלָמִים יִזְנַח וְאֲדַגֵּי וְלֹא־יִסִּיף
לְרַצּוֹת עוֹד: (8) “Will the Lord reject forever and never again show
favor?
- (ט) הֲאֶפְסָ לְנֶצַח חֶסֶדוֹ גָּמַר אֲמַר לְדָר
וְדָר: (9) Has His faithfulness disappeared forever? Will His
promise be unfulfilled for all time?
- (י) הֲשָׁכַח חַנּוּת אֵל אִם־קִפְצָ בָאֵף
רַחֲמָיו סָלָה: (10) Has God forgotten how to pity? Has He in anger
stifled His compassion?” Selah.
- (יא) וְאָמַר חֲלוּתִי הִיא שָׁנוֹת יָמִין עֲלִיּוֹן:
(יב) [אֲזַכֵּר] מִעֲלִילֵי־יָהּ כִּי־אֲזַכֵּרָה
מִקֶּדֶם פְּלֹאֲךָ: (11) And I said, “It is my fault that the right hand of the
Most High has changed.”
(12) I recall the deeds of the LORD; yes, I recall Your
wonders of old;
- (יג) וְהִגִּיתִי בְּכָל־פְּעֻלָּךְ וּבַעֲלִילוֹתֶיךָ
אֲשִׁיחָה: (13) I recount all Your works; I speak of Your acts.
- (יד) אֱלֹקִים בְּקִדְשׁ דְּרָכְךָ מִי־אֵל גָּדוֹל
כְּאֱלֹקִים: (14) O God, Your ways are holiness; what god is as great
as God?
- (טו) אַתָּה הָאֵל עֹשֶׂה פְּלֵא הוֹדַעְתָּ
בְּעַמִּים עֲזָרְךָ: (15) You are the God who works wonders; You have
manifested Your strength among the peoples.



- (טז) גְּאֵלְתָּ בְּזְרוּעַ עַמְּךָ בְּנֵי־יַעֲקֹב וַיִּוֹסֵף סֵלָה: (16) By Your arm You redeemed Your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.
- (יז) רְאֹוּךָ מַיִם | אֱלֹקִים רְאֹוּךָ מַיִם יִחִילוּ אַף יִרְגְּזוּ תְהוֹמוֹת: (17) The waters saw You, O God, the waters saw You and were convulsed; the very deep quaked as well.
- (יח) זָרְמוּ מַיִם | עֲבֹת קֹול נִתְנוּ שַׁחֲקִים אַף־חֲצֹצִיף יִתְהַלְכוּ: (18) Clouds streamed water; the heavens rumbled; Your arrows flew about;
- (יט) קֹול רַעֲמָךְ | בְּגִלְגֹל הָאֵירוּ בְּרָקִים תִּבַּל רָגְזָה וַתִּרְעַשׂ הָאָרֶץ: (19) Your thunder rumbled like wheels; lightning lit up the world; the earth quaked and trembled.
- (כ) בַּיָּם דַּרְכְּךָ (וּשְׁבִילֶךָ) [וּשְׁבִילֶךָ] בְּמַיִם רַבִּים אֶעֱקֹבוּתֶיךָ לֹא נִדְעוּ: (20) Your way was through the sea, Your path, through the mighty waters; Your tracks could not be seen.
- (כא) נְחִיתָ כְּצֹאן עַמְּךָ בְּיַד־מֹשֶׁה וְאַהֲרֹן: {פ} (21) You led Your people like a flock in the care of Moses and Aaron.

12. שמות לד:ו-ז

וַיַּעֲבֹר יְקֻנָּה | עַל־פְּנֵי וַיִּקְרָא יְקֻנָּה | יְקֻנָּה אֵל־רַחוּם וְחַנּוּן אֶרֶךְ אַפַּיִם וְרַב־חַסֵּד וְאַמֶּת: נֶצַח חֹסֵד לְאֱלֹפִים נִשְׂא עֵינָיו וְפִשֵׁעַ וְחַטָּאָה וְנִקְהָ לֹא יִנְקֶה פִקֻּדָּה | עֵינָיו אֲבוֹת עַל־בְּנִים וְעַל־בְּנֵי בְנִים עַל־שְׁלֹשִׁים וְעַל־רַבְעִים:

12. Exodus 34:6-7

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed: “The LORD! the LORD!^a a God compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and faithfulness, extending kindness to the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; yet He does not remit all punishment, but visits the iniquity of parents upon children and children’s children, upon the third and fourth generations.”

